

**REMARKS**

Applicants respectfully request the entry of this Second Preliminary Amendment.

Applicants have amended their claims to reduce the numbers of possible independent claims and to avoid multiple dependent claims. The amendments are simply in order to reduce the claim fees and are not intended to restrict or contract claim scope. Use claim 11 is re-cast, at least for now, as a method claim. Claim 12 is revised to avoid being multiply dependent, while being consistent with original claims and the specification, such as at page 2, last paragraph. Claim 14 is amended to recite either method A or method B, which are respectively defined based on original claim 14 and original claim 16. Amended claim 15 reflects simple editorial revision to ensure reference to an appropriate antecedent method. As amended, claim 16 depends from claim 14 and refers to method A. New claim 17 depends from claim 14 and refers to method B.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional claim fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1135 regarding Order No. 8156/88120, regarding the claims presented in this Second Preliminary Amendment.

Favorable first action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

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